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SUBSTRATE

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the following remarks.

Claims 1-9 remain pending in the instant application. Claims 1-9 presently stand rejected. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 7, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Erdogan, T., "Fiber Grating Spectra," *Journal of Lightwave Technology*, Vol. 15, No. 8 ("Erdogan") in view of Willner, A.E., "Tunable Compensation Degrading Effects Using Nonlinearly Chirped Passive Fiber